

**Chugach Forest Plan Revision  
Youth Engagement – Youth Employment in the Parks (YEP),  
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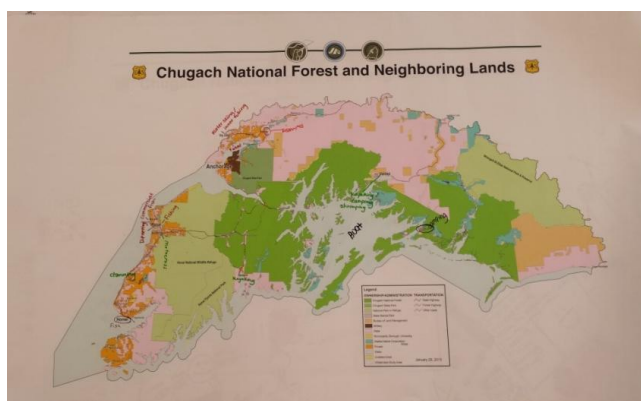
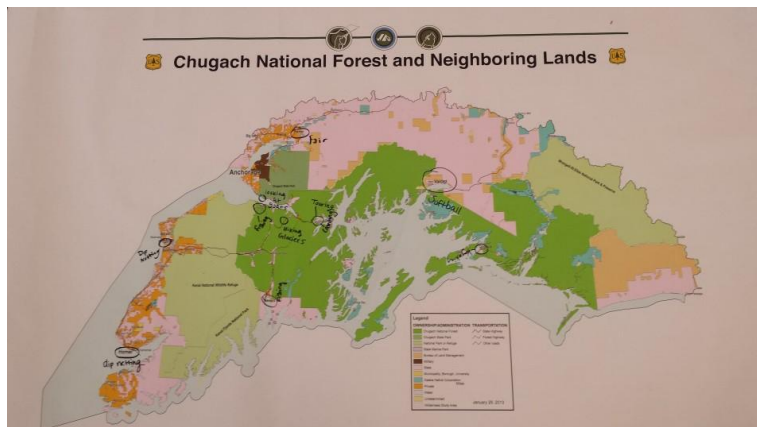
What do you like to do in your free time?

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Inside</b>	<b>Outside</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Read	X		15
Eat	X		21
Cook	X		13
Games	X		11
Scrap booking	X		1
Movies	X		15
Music	X		10
Sleep	X		20
Hang out with friends	X		13
Play video games	X		10
Watch TV	X		12
Clean	X		4
Basketball		X	1
Bike		X	14
Hike		X	12
Climb		X	7
Canoe		X	8
Football		X	4
Horseback riding		X	4
Volleyball		X	4
Eat food		X	8
Grill		X	7
Garden		X	4
Motocross		X	1
Get lost		X	2
Hang out with friends		X	2
Yard work		X	1
Kayak		X	4

Activity	Inside	Outside	Numbers
Ski		X	10
Photography		X	5
Four-wheeling		X	4
Tan		X	4
Run		X	2
Sleep		X	4
Frolf		X	3
Parkour		X	3
Fish		X	3
Trail running		X	4
Hunting		X	2
Snowboard		X	2
Reading		X	5
Trail building		X	1

What things (activities/place) do you have in common?

- Group 1
  - Fishing in Soldotna (or in general)
  - Bike
  - Camp
  - Hike
  - Backcountry skiing
- Group 2
  - We like to hike and bike at Kincaid
- Group 3
  - Biking, walking, and coastal trail
  - Skiing/snowboard
- Group 4
  - We like to go dip netting in Kenai and Homer. We also like to go fishing in Seward at Hope.
  - Hiking at Flat Top



What things make it hard for you to go outside?

- Group 1
  - Jobs
  - School
  - Indoor activities
  - Weather

- Laziness
- Cost
- Transportation
- Avalanches
- Group 2
  - Transportation
  - Lack of energy
  - Limited knowledge of parks and trails
- Group 3
  - Finances
  - Transportation
  - Weather
  - Time
  - Energy
- Group 4
  - Money
  - Time
  - Transportation
  - Weather
  - Wildlife

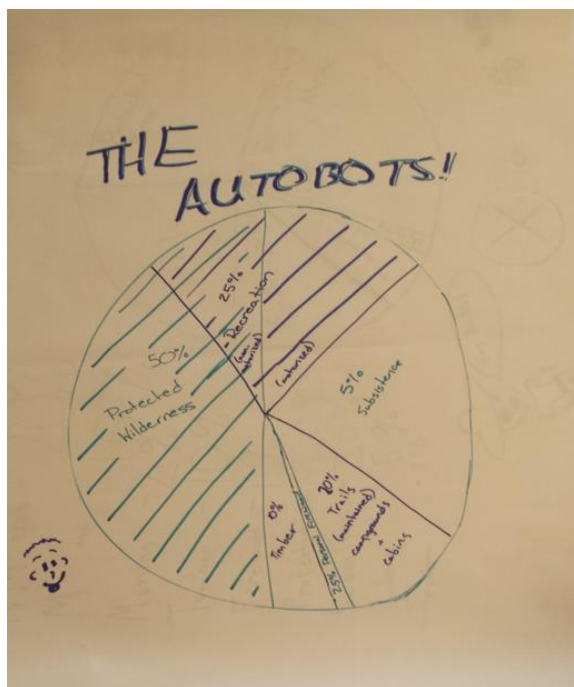
What are some solutions for getting you outside?

- Group 1
  - Outside jobs
  - Lower cost of transportation
  - Outside activities
  - Motivation by companion
  - Be prepared
- Group 2
  - Transportation: Learn trail system, get license, build more parks
  - Lack of energy: Develop better eating/sleeping habits, find motivation
  - Limited knowledge of parks and trails: Learn trail system, stay in YEP
- Group 3
  - Get a job
  - Make friends and carpool

- Don't be lazy
- Motivation/planning
- Group 4
  - More information on wildlife
  - Carpooling

What are changes you have seen in the Forest?

- Kincaid was a gravel path, new pavement increased use
- Kincaid added trails and a Frolf course
- Lots more people camping in Seward on July 4th
- Ocean View Park is busier ( and dogs)
- Can't see Portage Glacier any more and more people
- McHugh Creek Trails improved
- Valley of Moon grass eroded (lots of people)
- Can't see Eklutna Glacier, eroded trails (and fire)
- Westchester playground has increased use
- Parking lot and bathroom at Glenn Alps
- Valley Street Park (Muldoon) was dirt, now gravel
- New trails at Hilltop
- YEP re-routed trails (Far North Bicentennial, Girdwood, Sand Lake)
- New bridge over Tour of Anchorage trail
- Spider web of trails at Bird Ridge
- More bugs
- Sutton development-mining
- Fewer youth outdoors
  - more gaming indoors
  - makes it not as fun
- Wasilla – housing development
- Increased usage
- More invasive plants and fish
  - Juneau and Cheney Lakes (pike)
- Increased snow



### Our Forest Pie Charts – Answering the question: If you could create your own Forest, what would that look like? How would you allocate uses?